

PUBLIC HOLIDAY AT STATE CAPITOL

Intense Interest in To-Day's Election Among All State Officers

EXPRESS COMPANY PAYS UP

Comes Across With Taxes Earlier Than Necessary—Petition for Clemency.

Throughout the State buildings the greatest interest exists in to-day's election. Those officials who live at a distance from Richmond were not in the offices yesterday, having been obliged to leave Saturday or Sunday to reach their polling places.

The officers who live in districts where the Democratic nominees are safe will vote anyway, keeping up their reputation for good citizenship. There is hardly an exception to this rule, which extends to clerks, bookkeepers and messengers.

Of course, most of the interest is in the Ninth District situation, on which all sorts of guesses and estimates are hazarded. All the state employees want to know the results, and those who will not be in Richmond to-night will give themselves to telephone wires or telegraph offices.

Governor to Vote. Governor Mann will cast his vote at Nottoway. He will return to the city this afternoon, and will hear the returns to-night at the Executive Mansion.

For personal interest, nobody has anything on Dairy and Food Commissioner W. D. Saunders. He is a brother of Representative E. W. Saunders, who is having a hard fight to keep a seat from the Fifth District.

All the State offices will be closed to-day under orders from the Governor. This is a public holiday ordained by law, under sundry sections of the Code of Virginia, which have been faithfully checked up and accurately copied by Secretary Ben P. Owen, who is noted for his compliance with the statutes of the Commonwealth. The State Library will also be closed under direction of the Library Board.

BIG CHECK A SURPRISE

Southern Express Company Comes Across With Early Taxes.

While Chief Clerk C. Lee Moore, in the State Auditor's office, received some enormous checks last week from the railroads of the State in payment of their taxes, they had been expected and were no surprise. But when Mr. Moore's eyes feasted yesterday on a check for nearly \$18,000, he experienced something akin to electric thrills.

Of course, he knew that this amount would also be paid, but it was not until December 1, and corporations are not particularly given to paying out tax money before it becomes necessary.

The concern to thus come across was the Southern Express Company, which this year, under the new law, pays about twice as much as before. The exact amount of yesterday's check was \$15,901.25, while last year the taxes amounted to \$7,950.64. Of the total tax this year \$4,500 is for franchise at the rate of \$6 a mile, instead of \$3, as heretofore. The property tax paid by express companies in this State is so small as to be practically negligible, since they rent the buildings which they use, and own nothing save wagons and office furniture. The Southern paid this year by the Southern \$211.25, and last year it was \$165.64. The franchise tax in 1909 was \$7,724, and apparently the company operates about twenty-five more miles in Virginia than last year.

This year the Adams Express Company will pay \$16,448.57, against \$5,583.45 in 1909. The only other express concern doing business in this State is the United States, which has but a small mileage.

The doubled mileage franchise tax was accomplished after a big fight in the Legislature last winter. It was fixed at \$7.50 in the Senate, an increase of 50 per cent, but was reduced to \$6 in the House, in which the Senate finally concurred.

Asking for Mercy. Friends in North Carolina of Richard H. Biggs, a negro awaiting the death penalty for the murder of a woman at Newport News, have written the Governor asking for clemency. No extenuating circumstances are alleged, and it appears that these friends do not know the facts. Biggs fired three shots, it is said, at his victim, and then snatched his pistol after she lay on the ground. The Governor has written these parties the other day, apparently there is but small chance for executive clemency in this instance.

Encourage New Company.

Permission was given yesterday by the Adjutant General to Company G, First Regiment, the Lexington, to march to Leesburg for the purpose of giving an exhibition drill. Preparations are in progress to muster in a new company of Infantry at Leesburg, and those in charge requested the presence of the Alexandria company, so that the would-be soldiers should have an opportunity to see how things are done.

AYCOCK MAKES SPEECH.

Closing Democratic Rally of Campaign at Nashville. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Nashville, N. C., November 7.—Before an immense crowd to-day, Governor C. B. Aycock delivered the closing speech of the campaign. The audience, which included many women, died every nook and corner of the large courthouse. Governor Aycock, who was introduced by F. S. Spruill, gave a most stirring and patriotic speech, arousing great enthusiasm. The country candidates on either side made short speeches.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., November 7.—While playing with a rifle that had just been presented to him, Joseph Funk, son of Professor H. A. Funk, of Stephens City, this county, pulled the trigger and accidentally shot his aunt, Miss Mary Browning, the ball entering her face just below the left eye, passing through the roof of her mouth and lodging in the neck, from which it was extracted. Her condition is serious, and young Funk is distracted.

Wiley—George.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., November 7.—M. T. Wiley and Miss Ethel Gay George, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. T. George, both of Irvington, were married Thursday at the Methodist parsonage at Irvington, Rev. Mr. Hooper performing the ceremony. The couple left for a bridal trip.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA Department of the State Corporation Commission

City of Richmond, 10th day of October, 1910. The following corporations having failed for two successive years to pay the annual registration fees due by such several corporations, after having been duly assessed therefor for the years 1908 and 1909, and such failure having continued for ninety days after the expiration of such two years, by operation of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the charters of such domestic corporations and the certificates of authority to do business in Virginia of such foreign corporations are revoked and annulled, and the fact of such revocation and annulment is by the State Corporation Commission hereby ordered to be published once a week for four successive weeks in a daily newspaper published in the city of Richmond, Virginia.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Location, Date Incorporated. Lists numerous corporations such as Aaron-Garst Company, Aida Yacht Company, Air Dome Theatre Company, etc.

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